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February 2 - February 6, 2004

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5-8

Discounts are available to shipyard employees for Dragon Tales Live! The show will be held at the Ted Constant Center at Old Dominion University. More information is available on the O23 Employee Benefits Yardnet site. Employees can also contact Nick Mastrocco, group sales manager, at 757-683-5000.

February 9

Bloodmobile
Building 600
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Appointments: Call Bonnie Yacconi at 8-8939

February 10

Bloodmobile
Building 902
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
B902-903 employees, call John Whitsel at 8-4792.
B901-905, call Andrew Cirrincione at 8-0308.

February 26

Bloodmobile
Building 103
7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Appointments: Call 8-9191, select option 9.
Questions: Call 0-3011.

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✦ Director for Technology Development named

On January 29, Northrop Grumman Newport News announced the appointment of **Kathleen Etxegoien** (*right*) to the position of director for Technology Development. She will report to **Irwin F. Edenzon**, vice president, Technology Development and Fleet Support for Northrop Grumman Newport News.

"Kathleen brings energy, leadership and the entrepreneurial spirit to guide our technology development activities," Edenzon said. "I am confident that she can help us meet our customer's future requirements." Etxegoien will be

responsible for the shipyard's carrier and submarine technology development programs. This includes expanding the role of the Herbert H. Bateman Virginia Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center (VASCIC) in test, training and integration activities as well as managing research and development programs. Etxegoien will also retain responsibility for the Newport News engineering office in Washington D.C. Etxegoien joined Newport News in 2000 as manager for the Washington D.C. engineering office. Prior to that, she was an assistant vice president at Planning Systems Inc., a private engineering firm in Northern Virginia specializing in submarine and underwater engineering technologies.



Great People

✦ Northrop Grumman splits submarine contract with General Dynamics

Northrop Grumman said last week that it will share a newly announced \$8.4 billion multiyear contract to produce five *Virginia*-class submarines for the U.S. Navy. The contract, awarded January 29 to the Northrop Grumman Newport News and General Dynamics Electric Boat division team, replaces the six-ship block-buy contract announced on Aug. 14, 2003. "The action to convert this contract from a block buy to a multiyear one is significant because it provides stability to the industrial base, which includes our suppliers and our workforce, and results in production efficiencies for our Navy customer," Northrop Grumman Newport News President **Tom Schievelbein** said. "The efforts of the Virginia, Connecticut and Rhode Island congressional delegations were important on this contract and we greatly appreciate their leadership." This contract enables both builders to leverage economies of scale by purchasing materials, parts and components for multiple ships at one time. The contract also includes the construction of a sixth *Virginia*-class submarine that was authorized in fiscal year 2003. Because this ship is already under construction, it is not part of the multiyear agreement.

✦ Additional employee calendars available

The January *Yardlines* included a calendar highlighting the company values. Additional copies of the calendar are available in Communications. Stop by the Communications office on the first floor of the building 520. Employees can also call Stephanie McCall at 8-4962 or Jennifer Dellapenta at 0-3558 for extra copies.



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Photos by John Whalen

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⚙️ Shipbuilders at work on homebuilding

In August, a wall-raising ceremony kicked off the construction of a second Habitat for Humanity House by Northrop Grumman Newport News and the United Steelworkers of America (Local 8888). Much progress has been made since then. The surrounding pictures, taken last month, show shipbuilders hard at work on this “Labor Management House 2.” To the right, volunteers help prepare the new Habitat for Humanity home for its new owner. Although they mostly painted inside on this day, they did take a moment to help clean up the grounds. From left to right are **Dustin Kuch**, an X11 apprentice; **Brian Stockunas** of O79; X67’s **Richard Charles**, who represented the Mariner’s Club; Glenna Armistead, Kuch’s fiancé; **Patti Emmons** of E23, **Matt McQuade** of X43; Paul Croall, construction supervisor for Habitat for Humanity; and **Wayne Walker** of O21. Below Matt McQuade prepares a bucket of paint as Rich Charles reaches for his roller to apply another coat of paint. In the far right vertical picture, Glenna Armistead (crouching) applies primer as her fiancé Dustin Kuch reaches his roller into the crevices in the overhead. *One of the six company value statements begins “Our people are what make us great.” Read more about the company values on the home page of Yardnet.*



⚙️ Crane lifting

On a recent morning in January, one crane hoisted another crane onto the *USS Ronald Reagan* to be used to erect a large platform, which will have antenna installed for communications. Workers prepared to install the platform at the O3 level. This is part of *Reagan's* four-and-a-half month post shake-down availability that began in December. Employees **Rick Collier** and **Keith Phillips** of X36 are in the photo.

⚙️ Children’s drawings now on display in VASCIC

The children’s drawings that were entered in the *Yardlines* drawing contest, “What my mommy or daddy does at work” are now available for viewing at the Herbert H. Bateman Virginia Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center. Employees who have yet to see all of the art should stop by VASCIC.